

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

ALFRED SINEGAL

CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0503

VS.

SECTION P

SID HEBERT, ET AL.

JUDGE DOHERTY

MAGISTRATE JUDGE METHVIN

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Before the court is a civil rights complaint (42 U.S.C. § 1983) filed *in forma pauperis* on April 7, 2008, by *pro se* plaintiff Alfred Sinegal. When he filed the complaint, plaintiff was an inmate or detainee at the Iberia Parish Jail, New Iberia, Louisiana and he complained of conditions of confinement.

Statement of the Case

This undersigned concluded an initial review of the complaint on June 23, 2008 and issued a Memorandum Order directing plaintiff to amend his deficient complaint within thirty days. [rec. doc. 7] More than sixty days have elapsed and plaintiff has not responded to that order.

Law and Analysis

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 41(b) permits dismissal of claims “For failure of the plaintiff to prosecute or to comply with ... any order of court...” The district court also has the inherent authority to dismiss an action *sua sponte*, without motion by a defendant. *Link v. Wabash R.R.Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388-89, 8 L.Ed.2d 734 (1962). “The power to invoke this sanction is necessary in order to prevent undue delays in the disposition of

pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the [d]istrict [c]ourts.” *McCullough v. Lynaugh*, 835 F.2d 1126, 1127 (5th Cir.1988). Plaintiff was directed to provide additional information and he has failed to do so.

Therefore,

IT IS RECOMMENDED that plaintiff’s Civil Rights Complaint be **DISMISSED** in accordance with the provisions of FRCP Rule 41(b).

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule 72(b), parties aggrieved by this recommendation have ten (10) business days from service of this report and recommendation to file specific, written objections with the Clerk of Court. A party may respond to another party's objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of any objections or response to the district judge at the time of filing.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual findings and/or the proposed legal conclusions reflected in this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days following the date of its service, or within the time frame authorized by Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b), shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking either the factual findings or the legal conclusions accepted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error. See, *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996).

Signed at Lafayette, Louisiana, on August 29, 2008.



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